

July 16, 2013

City Council

City and County of Honolulu

Honolulu, HI 96813-3077

Dear Council Members:

I oppose resolution 13-158; there is no need for a second private ambulance company. I have been an Emergency Medical Technician for American Medical Response for 33 years.

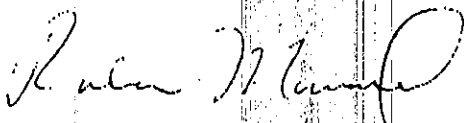
The statement is not factual in the resolution because there has been no competitive bidding for the HESD back-up service contract. The fact is, this contract has gone out to bid over 10 times since 1995. We've submitted bid documents each time as per the procurement requirements.

Our current contract with the City has the ability to contract for ADDITIONAL ambulances without needing a SECOND ambulance company. In fact, the C&C contracted with AMR for (2) ambulances in April, 2012 only to cancel (1) in July, 2012, then the 2nd in April, 2013 before reinstating it in mid-April, 2013.

The AMR contracted price for an ambulance, in fact, can save the C&C \$500/year for a 24/7 ALS unit compared to the C&C price for the same. This also improves response times to 9-1-1 calls for service which is of vital importance. It's all about how fast you can get to a critical emergency.

There has been no facts to prove the need for a 2nd private ambulance service provider and in fact there have been (3) recent applicants for a Certificate of Need for ground ambulance services of which there was NOT EVEN ONE SHPDA CON HEARING PANEL that voted in favor of approval. The current provider, AMR, is meeting this need and is available to ADD units if necessary to back up the C&C.

Thank you,



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